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## UNO Enrollment Continues to Drop

By Cami Stenglein-Reardon

Low unemployment rates and higher costs to attend school are a couple of reasons for a slight decrease in enrollment this fall, said Lou Cartier, of UNO public relations.

Enrollment for the fall 1995 semester has decreased by 351, according to the University Office of Institutional Research.

The published figures for fall '95 enrollment are 15,216, compared with the fall of '94, in which 15,567 students were enrolled.

Earlier this year, fall enrollment had been projected to fall below last year's due to a large graduating class in spring 1995.

Enrollment had shown a steady increase since 1975, according to Institutional Research, and it peaked in 1992 at 17,045. The past three years, however, enrollment has shown a slight decrease.

Freshmen enrollment is 2,111, while the number of sophomores is slightly higher at 2,431. The number of undergraduate juniors is 2,507, with seniors listed at 3,016.

In the Graduate program, 2,770 students are enrolled.

The largest number of college students are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, 3,907, compared with the College of Agriculture with only 12 students shown as majors.

Though the students attend classes at UNO's facilities, the administrative responsibility for The College of Agriculture is on the UNL campus. UNL also holds the administrative duties of the College of Architecture, the College of Engineering and Technology and the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences.

"Having students enroll has become competitive in recent years," said Rebecca Means, associate director of the Registrar. "With the large number of higher education facilities in the area, competition for students is a lot stiffer."

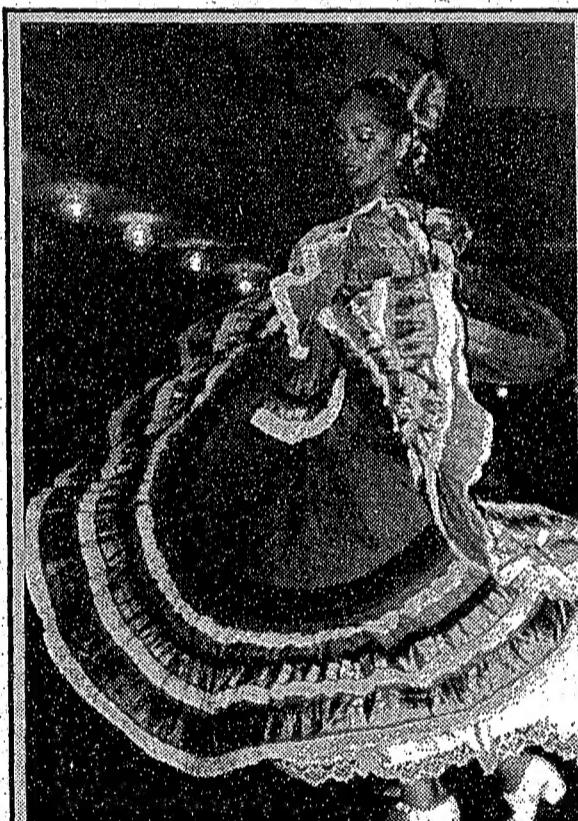
Cartier gave several reasons for the decline in enrollment. He said that history shows that when employment in the area is up, that enrollment in the university goes down to reflect the growth.

When employment is available, Cartier said some prospective students choose to enter the workforce. If they are on the

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### UNO Enrollment

Total enrollment	'95	'94	'93
Arts & Sciences	3,907	4,064	4,441
Business Administration	2,424	2,538	2,986
Continuing Studies	1,357	1,416	1,499
Education	1,465	1,553	1,562
Fine Arts	463	395	387
Public Affairs & Comm.	650	650	667
Univ. Division	472	472	449
Agriculture	12	12	0
Architecture	109	109	0
Engineering & Technology	553	553	672
Human Res. & Family Sci.	231	231	262



—photo by Lydia Johnson

A member of the "Ballet Folklorico de Chihuahua," performs in the Strauss Performing Arts Recital Hall on Monday.

## State Committee Urged to Move Faster on Engineering At UNO

By Chad Collins

Different. Quicker. Faster.

That's what some Nebraska state senators, University of Nebraska leaders and Omaha leaders discussed Wednesday about the engineering program at NU.

The Nebraska Legislature Business and Labor committee held a public hearing to discuss the idea of a separate college of engineering at UNO, and LR 256, Wednesday at the UNO Alumni Center.

LR 256 deals with NU's impact on the economic development of Nebraska.

The hearing was headed by Sen. Chris Abboud, chairman of the committee.

Omaha Mayor Hal Daub and NU President L. Dennis Smith both spoke on behalf of, and in favor of, creating a new engineering program for UNO.

UNO Student President/Regent Justin Peterson also spoke in favor of the resolution to start plans for a new engineering program. The focus surrounded how economical it would be to set up a new college parallel to UNL's engineering college, 50 miles away.

"How are you going to get the sympathy of the rest of the state when the two cities are so few miles apart?" said Sen. Dianna Schimek.

The main concern of the engineering proposal is whether

or not it will help the state as a whole.

Resolution 256 will be determined when supporters in favor of the resolution can prove that the state, as a whole, will benefit economically.

"The top goal of this proposal is to enhance relations with the business and industrial professions and agencies of Omaha and all around Nebraska; and for matter all around the country," Smith said.

Daub said, "Look at the different companies we keep losing: Micron, BMW and Mercedes, and were losing them because we can't show that our engineering program is good or stable enough. Unless we can give these potential business' something more, we are going to keep losing them."

Also addressed was the slow movement of the committee. Members and speakers in favor of LR 256 challenged the Business and Labor committee to move faster, for fear of being passed up by competing colleges.

What the representatives of LR 256 tried to sow in the minds of the committee members, was how urgent it was to get this plan under way. They claimed that unsure hesitation would only put other colleges ahead, and that Nebraska colleges would be left behind due to the overtly competitive market of education.

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Student President Justin Peterson's concern about the Rev. Phil Owen's sexual preference caused the Gateway mailbag to overflow.

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## Report by UNO's Walker Finds Good Racial Mix in Omaha Police

By Brian J. Todd

Police and race relations. From Rodney King being beaten by four white police officers in 1991, and Mark Fuhrman's words coming out of the O.J. Simpson trial. The relationship between a community and its police force has become one of the biggest issues facing this country in the 90s.

Samuel Walker, a UNO criminal justice professor, co-authored the report "A Decade of Modest Progress: Employment of Black and Hispanic Police Officers, 1983-1992."

The report looks at the 50 largest cities in the nation and compares the percentage of African-Americans and Hispanics in their populations with the percentage of those groups within each city's police force.

Of the 50 largest cities in the country only five, Toledo, Miami, San Jose, San Francisco and Omaha, have an optimal

mix of African-Americans, Hispanics and whites on their police forces.

Walker said having a police department that is representative of its community is an important first step in having good police and community relations.

"However, you must do the next step, which is internal discipline," Walker said.

He cited the example of the Los Angeles Police Department, it has a perfect mix of African-Americans in the department, but it has an obvious problem with race relations within that community.

"It's clearly just a breakdown in discipline," Walker said.

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# OPINIONS, EDITORIALS AND LETTERS

## 'America is Too Used to Violence'

I've just finished watching, for the second time, a sickening movie about violence, bloodshed and the glorification of death. The whole movie involves two people, disillusioned with life, who go about their days with complete abandon. It was sickening because of how graphically every minute detail was portrayed. From the first gunshot to the last, I was battered display of some

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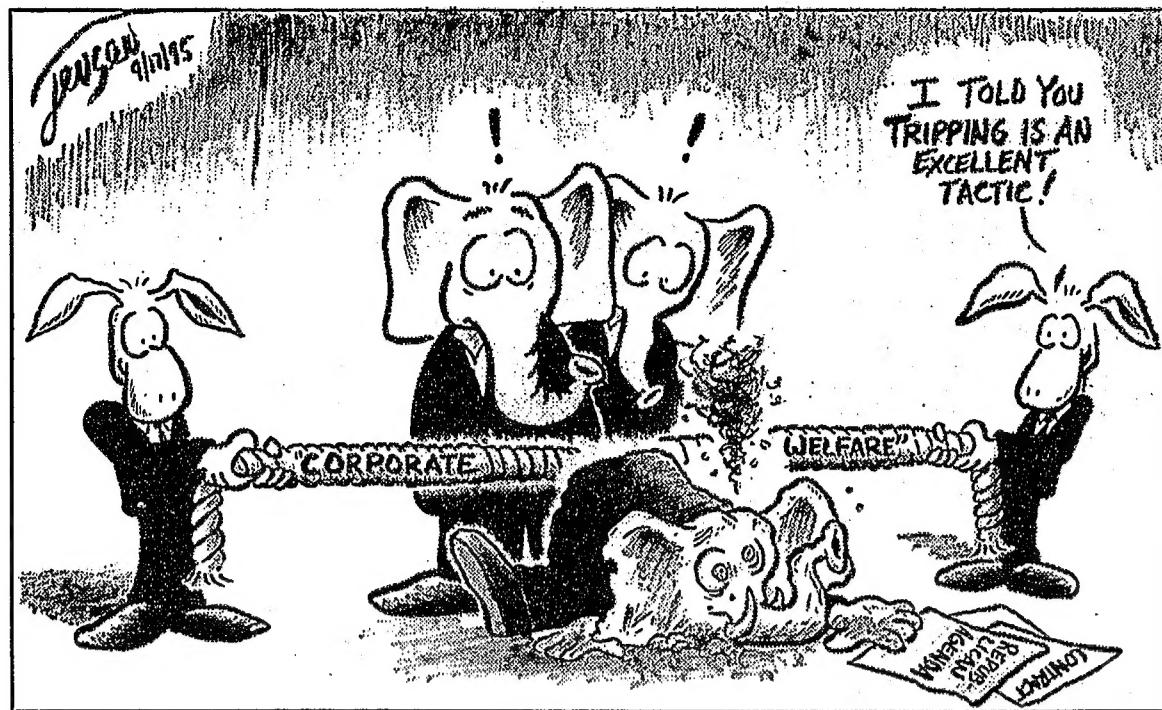
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**Eric  
Harms**



But then I stopped the VCR tape and turned the 10 p.m. news on. What I saw there wasn't much different from the movie. The top story was about a fireman killed in the line of duty. It seems he was trapped in a burning building and couldn't be saved. Of course, cameras were there when his body was removed. They were there to show the minute detail I would have missed had I skipped the news. From there, I was told of a Bosnian rebel outbreak near an enclave somewhere is Serbia. Then over in Western Europe, I got a glimpse of the damage an explosion had done to some building. It seems those darn fighting factions were going at it again.

About half way through the newscast, I found myself wondering if anything good had happened. It was a Sunday. Something had to go right. Thank goodness for the weather guy. He said we had a couple of days of nice weather before the fall and the coming of the snow. Then the sports guy came

on and gave a few arraignment dates for some ball players I'm sure we're all familiar with, and handed the gauntlet back to the news guy, who had another grim story to report.

Usually I'm not one to look at the dark side of things. I can always find the silver lining in every cloud. But this day had ended on a depressing note. I had found within myself a bone that was tickled with fancy at the thought of a movie depicting savagery. This thought almost scared me until I realized that most red-blooded Americans are the same way. They are fascinated by what they see on TV. If they weren't, the ratings would go down, and we'd see a big change in programming. But that's not going to happen. Because in this land of many freedoms, we have chosen and probably always will choose to watch on TV and read about in newspapers the things that have the most shock value. But be careful, my friends and fellow channel surfers. For what may appeal to us today may bore us tomorrow.

## 'Peterson's Selective Condemnation'

Dear Editor,

I have a few things to say about Mr. Justin Peterson's request for the resignation of UNO's campus minister — why does he care?

His condemnation of Phil Owen is self-serving and ludicrous — Justin is once again, hoping against all hope that he can be immortalized via headlines.

In 1993, my sexuality didn't bother Justin one iota when he wanted my assistance in rallying votes so he could be elected as Speaker of the Student Senate.

In 1994, I distinctly recall on four separate occasions being pleaded with by Mr. Peterson to manage his race for President/Regent as I had managed the winning race for President/Regent Matt Schulz the year before. My sexuality didn't matter to Justin

then either.

Nor did it seem to bother him when he asked for my assistance (free of charge) to create the campaign posters and fliers that helped get him elected.

And it's not as though my sexuality was a secret on campus — I had been the president of the Gay and Lesbian Student Organization for two years as well as being extremely outspoken about gay and lesbian rights throughout my seven years at UNO as a student.

So, Justin, it would seem that your condemnation of gays and lesbians only applies when one of them can't do something for you.

What a strongly developed and loving Christian attitude.

Heidi Jeanne Hess  
UNO Alum, B.S. 1992; M.A. 1995  
UNO Student Senator '92-'93 and '93-'94

## 'Peterson Should Get Off High Horse'

Dear Editor,

After reading Tuesday's article about President/Regent Justin Peterson's comments on UNO's campus pastor, the Rev. Phil Owen, I was appalled. I don't know how Owen's sexual preference takes away from his ability to perform his duties at UNO.

Justin states, "I think a pastor should be in a position of moral and spiritual leadership, and that lifestyle doesn't lend itself to either one of them."

How does Owen's lifestyle affect his spiritual relationship with God? It doesn't! Owen's spirituality is between God and Rev. Owen and doesn't involve Mr. Peterson. Just as Justin is entitled to his own lifestyle, Owen is entitled to his own.

Owen's position involves the spiritual growth of all students regardless of their

faith. So long as he does not impose his own beliefs on others he should not resign. If Justin and others who share his ignorant views had their way, the sidewalks of UNO would flow red with the blood of the non-believers. Does Justin forget this country was founded on the principle of religious toleration?

Would Justin, under his criteria, allow a Jewish Rabbi or an Islamic holyman to be a minister at UNO, probably not, due to his narrow view. I also found it ironic that Justin's opposition to gays is so prevalent figuring he asked for help with his election from an openly gay person from UNO. I'm sure she is real happy with Justin's bigoted comments.

As President/Regent, Justin once again does not act for the benefit for a majority of students. If this pattern continues, he will go down as the most unpopular student president in the history of UNO.

Michael Kennedy

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### 'Peterson Should Mind His Own Business'

Dear Editor,

My comment is in regard to the article "Peterson Voices Concerns About Gay Campus Pastor" in the *Gateway* 9/19/95.

I was very concerned to see that our Student President/Regent Justin Peterson has nothing better to do than complain about our campus pastor's sexual orientation. Is it our business to know his sexual orientation? I believe there is a law against using sexual orientation as a basis for hiring a person for a job. I am sure it is just as unethical to use that as a basis for demanding someone's resignation!

There have been, and still are, many great writers, leaders, teachers, business people, parents, and yes, clergy members who are homosexual. If they are doing the job they were hired for, who cares!?! Sexual orientation is only a small part of the whole person.

We have bigger problems in the family, in the community, and in the world than homosexuality. Your job Mr. Peterson is not to sit in judgment of other peoples' lifestyles. You should be more concerned with the job you were voted in to do!

Kenda Carnley  
UNO Student

### 'Peterson Should Be One to Resign'

Dear Editor,

I found the comments made by Student President/Regent Justin Peterson regarding UNO pastor Phil Owen to be very disturbing. At the most recent Student Senate meeting Mr. Peterson stated, "I just can't believe we have a gay campus minister ... I think he should resign."

Mr. Peterson's denouncement of Rev. Owen was clearly based on Rev. Owen's sexual orientation. I am alarmed that an elected student official is an outspoken bigot. Mr. Peterson's gay-bashing is quite unbecoming a Student President/Regent.

As Student President, Mr. Peterson is expected and obligated to represent the entire student body. I am sure that statistics would prove that homosexuals are indeed part of the student body at UNO. Mr. Peterson's statement was an inappropriate and thinly veiled attack against Rev. Owen and homosexuals.

I neither know Rev. Owen nor promote homosexuality. I am, however, deeply offended that an elected student official feels empowered to launch a personal attack against another person's lifestyle. I was not aware that Mr. Peterson's position as Student President qualified him to discredit a person based on that person's private life.

Mr. Peterson's statement constitutes an inexcusable offense against every person involved with the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Mr. Peterson, your comments are

more appropriate when directed at you. I just can't believe we have a bigoted Student President. I think you should resign.

Mike Pfeffer

### 'Classified Ad Beyond Disgusting'

Dear Editor,

Many times over the last few semesters, the students have read my letters, basically telling Justin Peterson or Stephen Srb or Michael Kennedy to keep the Senatorial functions out of our newspaper and on the floor of the Student Senate. Well, here I go again (relax senators, you're not the victims this time). This time the victim of my rebuke is the person who placed an ad in the *Gateway* for, shall we say, a female companion. I must have been asleep when the *Gateway* announced that it was a singles magazine because I would have told them to nix that idea. I don't wish to pay \$90 a semester for the *National Enquirer*. This is a place for people to buy and sell legitimate objects and legitimate services, not to find a date. There are places in Downtown Omaha for that. Just ask a fraternity member for some ideas. However, I do not wish to imply that all fraternity members go out "prowling" for girls, on the contrary, I know that they don't, but they may be able to help come up with some ideas.

As for the article: If you are not afraid of catching something that is not easily gotten rid of, then by all means forget about knowing who you are with. Girls, beware ... I don't really think racial background is real important either, HOWEVER, marital status is the most important aspect of a relationship. That gold band on the ring finger of the left hand puts that person OFF LIMITS!!!

I don't wish to say that you cannot say "Hi" to them, they may even allow you to have lunch and talk with them. But, any further is out of the question ... If, by any chance, you meet a girl/guy who forgoes his/her marital status, that person probably isn't the person for you. If he/she cheats on his/her current husband/wife, chances are that they will cheat on you, too.

As for the editor of the newspaper, after her rampage about the Bible, one would think that she'd have the brains and the ethics as to REFUSE to print this article (at least with that line in it). In my opinion, the printing of this line, implies that the *Gateway* encourages marital infidelity.

On a final note, I strongly encourage that the *Gateway* staff remove this "personal" ad from our newspaper and remember God's rule: "Thou shalt NOT commit adultery!!!!"

Cardijn Sawatzki  
UNO Student

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Lydia Johnson

Pre-nursing student Karin Pedersen takes a break at UNO.

## Senate Bill Will Attempt to Stop 'Drive-Thru Deliveries'

By Karalee Ziembra

In a country seemingly obsessed with fast service such as drive-thrus and overnight delivery, some U.S. senators are trying to put the brakes on what Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., has called "drive-thru deliveries" for childbirth.

A bipartisan bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., and Bradley, is attempting to mandate the length of time a mother and child stay in the hospital after delivery. The bill calls for a 48-hour stay for mothers and infants after normal births and a 96-hour stay after cesarean births. The bill includes a provision to allow shorter hospital stays if requested by the mother and doctor, as long as follow-up home care is provided for both the mother and the baby.

The Mother and Newborn Protection Act is a response to a recent trend among insurance companies to send women home 12 to 24 hours after giving birth. This policy, according to one estimate, can save the insurers about \$4 billion a year. Many doctors and nurses believe this trend is a potentially dangerous one.

"It's very difficult for us to be able to teach them all they need to know in 24 hours," said a nurse at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. "The first 24 hours is a very emotional time for parents."

The Med Center has not noticed an increase in shortened birth stays in its maternity ward. Most of the patients the Med Center serves are covered by Medicaid, which has not yet followed the trend to shorten hospital stays. The Med Center does note that its patients who go home early are also more likely to return with postdelivery infections.

Kassebaum agreed, citing the many reasons for her co-sponsorship of the bill. "Many health problems faced by infants such as dehydration, infections and jaundice, do not appear until after the 24 hours. Generally, these conditions are easily

treated if they are detected in the first few days following birth. If undetected, they can lead to permanent brain damage, strokes or even death."

Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey has pledged his support to the bill. Kerrey's office told the *Gateway* that he has considered co-sponsoring it but has not made up his mind.

Insurance companies fully support shortened stays if the mother is healthy after 24 hours.

Prudential spokesman Kevin Heiney said that Prudential's policy is to "support early discharge for mothers and infants, only when it supports positive health outcomes in both individuals," but he said that a mother would be allowed to stay longer upon her doctor's request.

Heiney said that shortened birth stays are not unique to Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) and Managed-Care Operations.

"The same thing is happening in the pay-for-fee system," he said. "Some mothers want to go home. It's [childbirth] not viewed as an illness."

Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co. has a similar plan, with a one-day pre-certification for hospital stays.

Mutual spokeswoman Jenny VanSoelen said a longer stay could be certified if any complications occurred during the birth. In addition, a mother and child under a Mutual policy would be visited by a nurse after the 24-hour discharge.

"Our program promotes wellness and healthy babies," Van Soelen said, but agreed that if the Senate bill is passed, Mutual will have to change its plans.

Mutual and Prudential, like most insurance companies, assure policy holders that their plans are in accordance with the views and guidelines of the American College of Pediatrics and the American

## Comic Worked Way Up From Biker Bars

By Marylynne Ziembra

After a full day of classes Monday, many students may find themselves needing a laugh and a good time.

Students will have the opportunity to listen to comedian John Heffron Sept. 25 at 11:45 a.m. in the Student Center Ballroom A native of Ann Arbor, Mich., Heffron has been called one of the finest young comedians by comedy veterans such as Tim Allen and Richard Jeni.

Starting off at the University of Michigan campus at the Mainstream Comedy Showcase after graduating from high school, Heffron began his career in comedy and got his first real start. In fact, Heffron said he was not even old enough to get in, "but nobody ever asked."

Comedy was always a part of Heffron's life.

"During high school, I did some open mikes," Heffron said. "Actually, I was just always a goofy kid in school."

Heffron, 25, said he tries to deal with topics in his life and doesn't deal a lot with politics and political issues. Among his topics are issues on growing up, college life, roommates and relationships, and "toys that my generation played with, like Big Wheels and roller skating."

Finding a place where his comedy is appreciated wasn't always easy, Heffron said. Through his years of experience in comedy, some places he performed were far from funny.

"The worst experiences were a lot more when I started off. I was playing at biker bars and places where people were playing air hockey and making a lot of noise. It's kind of

tough when you're trying to start off and get a good act going."

After working his way through open-mikes and comedy clubs, Heffron finally got his big chance.

"One of the first real big things was when I had the chance to perform at the Chicago Improv and was hired to work a week there. Since then I have gone on to bigger and better things, but just being there was a big deal for me."

Overall, Heffron said everything is a learning experience, and he has learned from the positive experiences and has learned how to shake off the bad ones.

"Sure, I've had bad shows. But most of the time, what works on Monday and makes people laugh; on Tuesday, it doesn't. If I don't have a good show, I remember that I have had enough good ones that it doesn't shake me up."

Heffron's success has made him re-establish his goals and plans for the future. Heffron said he is working on getting into television and acting. He has recently tried out for a number of roles and has found himself close each time.

"I used to have a lot of goals, but all of a sudden in the last year, I just recently accomplished what I wanted to," he said. "I tried out for a lot of parts, like a part in 'Friends' when I was down to the last three people and was down to the second guy for a part in 'ER.' It's all just a matter of plugging away."

Heffron's visit to UNO is sponsored by Student Programming Organization and admission is free.



## Lee Forgoes Preaching for Honesty in 'Clockers'

By Jason Vrabel

Spike Lee makes his message clear in the opening credits of his new movie, "Clockers." The various crime-scene shots of dead African-American males during the film's opening credits paint a gruesome picture of the breakdown that plagues today's society.

Lee rises out of his sometimes preachy method and weaves a true American mystery and tragedy. This film is hands down the best of Lee's cadre of work.

Adapted from Richard Price's novel of the same name and produced by Martin Scorsese, Lee examines the frustration and desolation of inner-city life.

Through hazy, grainy shots, we enter a world where the tall housing projects of Brooklyn act as a prison, and the only way out is dealing drugs. These shots show how uncertain and bleak most of the residents' futures will be — hazy and grainy.

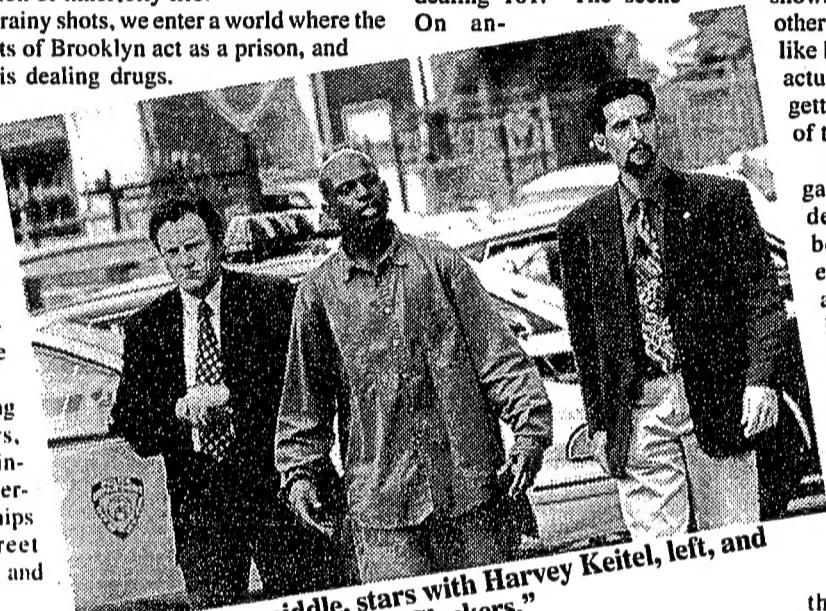
Lee puts a face on the countless deaths we as a society have become desensitized to.

"Clockers," slang for crack dealers, also weaves an intriguing web of intertwining relationships between the street dealer, drug lord and police officers.

The main relationship is between a young "clocker" named Strike, played with menacing intensity by newcomer Mekhi Phifer, and his mentor Rodney, played by Delroy Lindo, a definite shoe-in for an Oscar for best supporting actor.

Rodney, who has taken Strike under his wings, wants him to kill a young dealer he suspects is stealing from him. A few scenes later, the dealer winds up dead.

When the homicide detectives arrive on the scene, they turn their investigation to Strike's brother, Victor, a hard-working father who confesses to the crime and appears to be taking the blame for his younger brother.



Mekhi Phifer, middle, stars with Harvey Keitel, left, and John Turturro, right, in "Clockers."

The question then becomes did he, or didn't he.

Pursuing the case is a hardened homicide detective named Rocco (Harvey Keitel), who can't understand why someone such as Victor would kill. He begins to suspect Strike.

In the netherworld of the Brooklyn ghetto, the story takes on another relationship between Strike and a young neighborhood boy. This almost parallel relationship to Strike and Rodney's, gives us an unnerving scene where Strike teaches his young protégé a crash course in drug dealing 101. The scene shows innocence lost.

On another level, Rocco, unlike his counterparts, actually cares about getting to the bottom of the case.

As the officers gather around the dealer's dead body, they hideously make jokes and refer to the lifeless body as another dead "yo." Where Lee, in previous films, may have used this as a racial statement, we see that this is not always the case with

Rocco's character.

With Rocco constantly on Strike's back, Rodney and Strike's dealing buddies begin to suspect him as a rat. Soon Strike's world begins to deteriorate around him, leaving Rocco as his only salvation.

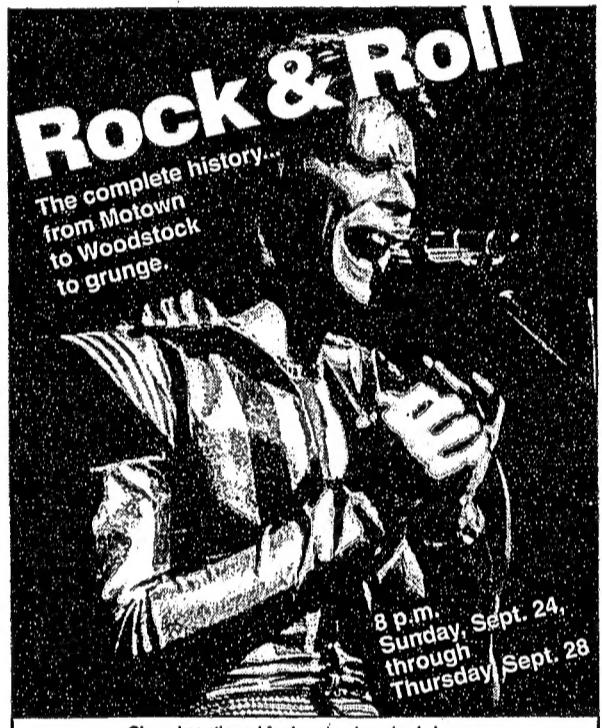
Lee, with the help of his new cinematographer, Malik Sayeed, weave together wide, atmospheric shots, reminiscent of Robert Altman, and a kaleidoscope of images, which shoot right through to the heart of the story.

Lee does make his trademark social commentaries throughout the film, such as the advertisement for "the bomb" beer, which peppers Strike's neighborhood. Even the name of his housing project, which is named after Nelson Mandela, asks the viewer of this film if this

situation is similar to the one that up until recently plagued South Africa. All and all, these commentaries work well in this film.

Lee has made a movie that in a few years will be remembered as his masterpiece. He makes these characters neither good nor bad, but indifferent. Just as life is now in these confusing times. The ending is surprising and is a true commentary on the frustrations of people in inner-city America. The near-end conversation between Strike and Rocco is the most moving scene I have witnessed in recent filmmaking, which gives an unspoken acknowledgment of feelings that could only be heard in a better world.

Lee finally has made a film that is not preachy or judgmental, just honest.



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# Acting, Humor Make 'Angus' More Than Just Cute Teen Flick

By Marylynne Ziembra

"Angus" is more than just a cute high school movie. Not only does it have the quarterback star, the homecoming queen and the hopelessly envious admirer of both, but it also has enough of a kick that it will make you laugh ... and even cry.

Ever since he was young, Angus (Charlie Talbert) has had a crush on Melissa Lefevre (Ariana Richards) and has hated the wise-cracking smart-mouthed Rick Sanford (James Van Der Beek). Unfortunately, Rick grew up, became a football star, and won Melissa's heart.

Frustrated and feeling out-of-place at his high school, Angus applies to an advanced placement school, where no one knows him and, most importantly, he can anonymously fit in with other students. However, even though Angus didn't know it yet, his life was due for a change.



Charlie Talbert, middle, and Chris Owen, right, star in this fall's underdog movie, "Angus."

As a joke, Rick and his "in" clique rig the results of the election for Freshman Winter Ball King, selecting Angus as the winner. In addition, he will get to share the honor of royalty with his queen, Melissa. But it's not quite that easy.

Angus must decide whether or not to ditch the dance or face the biggest challenge of his life: learning how to dance.

Armed with his best friend, Troy's (Chris Owen) humorous assistance and a blow-up woman, the two begin to face the task at hand. As Troy puts it, he is going to change Angus from a "large, pathetic virgin, to a large, pathetic virgin with a new look."

Even though the plot and story line seem overly simplistic, the humor is outstanding and the acting is superb. In addition, Kathy Bates, who plays Angus' mom, and his grandpa (George C. Scott) add a balance, which makes

this more than just a movie for the teen-age crowd.

Even though the movie consists of many younger and less-experienced actors, its quality ranks up there with "Tommy Boy" and even "Spaceballs."



# Sports

## Hungry Mavs to Meet Hobbled NDSU Bison

By Tony Reinke

Ever since North Dakota State University Head Coach Rocky Hager lost six players to injuries in the preseason, it has brought on a battle more fierce than those of Rocky Balboa.

Junior quarterback Rob Hyland and junior running back Jason Miller are two of the six players watching from the sidelines this season due to injuries.

Hyland, who passed for 2,668 yards his first two seasons, leaves a gushing hole in the Bison offense. The quarterback duties have been placed on the shoulders of senior Craig Amnot and freshman Kevin Feeney. Both players are newcomers to Hager's offense, and the statistics speak for themselves.

The two players have thrown for 201 yards combined in three games and are in the North Central Conference cellar for passing offense. In the loss to St. Cloud State, the Bison passed for 23 yards and completed just 31 percent of its passes.

Miller, a two-time letter winner, ended his season with a broken pelvis. The junior rushed for nearly 1,000 yards in his first two seasons as a Bison. This wounded backfield has been bandaged by the play of Jake Morris. The sophomore has 262 yards in three games (87.3 avg.) including a touch-

down. He leads the team in total offense.

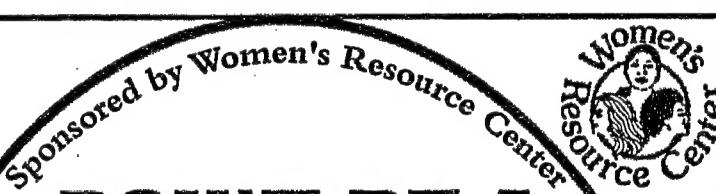
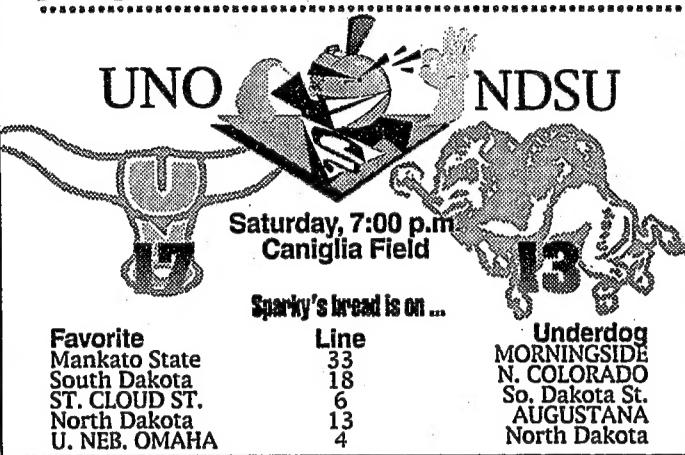
Punter John Torrence has been one of the few big-play makers for the Bison so far. The sophomore averaged 39 yards a kick including a 66-yard boot.

Defensively, the Bison have been just as impressive. Overall, they rank sixth in total defense allowing 348 yards of offense to St. Cloud State.

NDSU set a milestone last week in St. Cloud, Minn., one that exemplifies the Bison's season. The 34-0 thrashing by St. Cloud State was NDSU's first shutout in 174 games dating back to 1981.

What more could the Mavericks ask for?

### Sparky Sez



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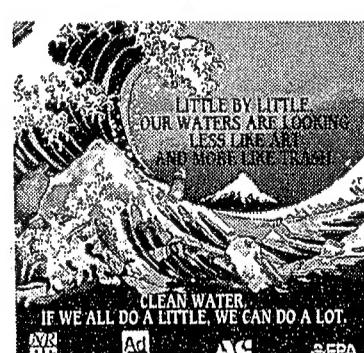
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#### Football NCC Statistics (9/20/95)

#### Standings

Team	Over.	Conf.
North Dakota	2-0-0	1-0-0
Mankato State	2-1-0	1-0-0
South Dakota St.	3-0-0	1-0-0
South Dakota	3-0-0	1-0-0
St. Cloud State	2-0-0	1-0-0
North. Colorado	2-1-0	0-1-0
Augustana	1-1-0	0-1-0
Morningside	0-2-1	0-1-0
U.Neb-Omaha	1-2-0	0-1-0
North Dakota St.	2-1-0	0-1-0

#### Last week's results

Mankato St. 49, UNO 10  
St. Cloud St. 34, NDSU 0  
S. Dakota St. 37, Augustana 15  
North Dakota 34, N. Colorado 13  
South Dakota 35, Morningside 17

#### Games this week (Sept. 23)

Mankato State at Morningside 1 p.m.  
South Dakota at N. Colorado 1 p.m.  
St. Cloud St. at S. Dakota St. 1 p.m.  
North Dakota at Augustana 1 p.m.  
N Dakota St at UNO 7 p.m.

#### Game of the week

St. Cloud State (SCS) and running back Randy Martin rush into South Dakota State. SDSU quarterback Scott Stevers leads the NCC in passing with 211 yards.

#### Sparky Sez: SCS 27-21.

#### Players of the week

Chris Miller, QB, South Dakota  
Ryan Anderson, K, N Colorado  
Mark Erickson, RB, Mankato St.  
Jerome Cheatham, CB, NDS  
Richard Lear, DB, Morningside

#### NCC Leaders (NCC games)

Rushing	GM	R	Ave	Ave/G	Pts
1. Stevens SDSU	1	37	5.7	211.0	
2. Martin SCSU	1	38	5.0	190.0	
3. Laber USD	1	19	7.5	142.0	
4. Erickson NDS	1	27	4.4	118.0	
5. DelDotto UND	1	20	5.4	107.0	
10. Hill UNO	1	22	3.3	73.0	

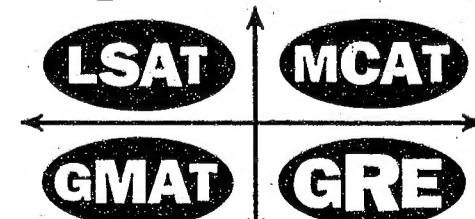
#### Passing

Passing	C-A	TD	AveG	Pts
1. Hebron MSU	21-41	5	307.	154.4
2. KlanchehND	14-21	1	164.	138.5
3. Graham AUG	21-37	2	247	130.7
4. Kloover UNO	9-19	1	132	123.1
5. Bouman SC	6-14	1	168	107.2

#### Receiving

Receiving	G	No	Ave	Yds	TDs
1. McPhie AUG	1	7	12.1	85	1
2. Way NC	1	5	21.4	107	1
3. Mitchell MSU	1	5	13.8	69	2
4. McElroy UND	1	5	14.2	71	1
5. Fisher AUG	1	5	16.8	84	0
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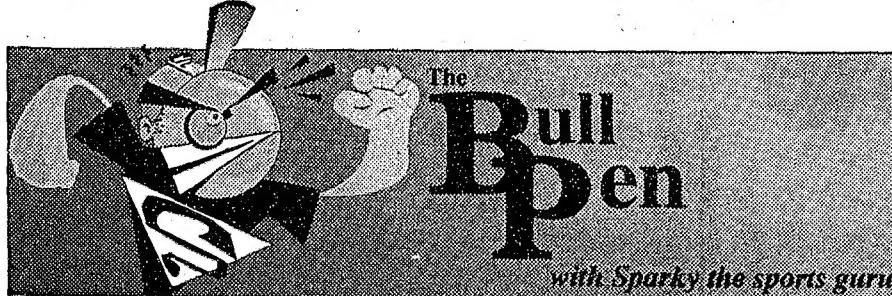
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### Hey Sparky,

Although I don't consider myself as being a "Sports Guru" like yourself, I can say we have one thing in common: the shared lack of respect for a team that manages to grab more local column space than any other local event.

Of course I'm speaking of the "Mighty Nebraska Cornhuskers." The title "Mighty" is easily earned when you play three quarters of your schedule against teams that couldn't even compete in the Omaha Metro high schools. Although UNO doesn't have the impressive stats the "other bunch" has accumulated over the years, at least the Mavs can hold their heads high knowing they are playing teams of equal caliber.

Perhaps Don Leahy (UNO athletic director) should ask some of the local junior high schools if they'd be interested in being part of the Maverick's schedule. UNO could build some fairly impressive stats then as well.

Since a large portion of the Nebraska football team's quality players appear to be heading for the Lancaster County Correctional Facility, I have a few proposals for the "Mighty Huskers." For starters, that awful fight song we've been blessed with old "no-take Tom" singing for the past few weeks about being "true blue and all sticking together" should be changed to something more appropriate. Let's say, for example, "Folsom Prison Blue" and don't worry if you don't know it yet, the way things are going you should be able to master it by bowl time.

And finally, the ever popular "Go Big Red" saying could be changed to "Free Big Red" or something to do with that brilliant

orange jumpsuit some of the players are wearing. Just a thought.

**John F. Thomsen**  
UNO senior

### Hey Sparky,

It's about time someone started supporting the Mavs. I'm getting sick and tired of opening the *Omaha World-Herald*, only to find pages upon pages of Husker coverage, with only a small paragraph-sized story given to the Mavericks. Granted, the Huskers are a larger team, etc., etc., etc. Sorry, but the last time I checked we were in Omaha, and I have yet to see the *World-Herald* give any decent coverage to Omaha sports.

Every year, the Maverick sports teams go out and give it their all. However, what's unfortunate is that the Omaha press can't even give decent coverage to their own teams. What is it going to take? A few DWI's, sexual assaults or murder attempts? Hopefully the Mavs won't become "Husker wanna-be's" and stoop to their level just to get some media coverage.

**Jacque Strappe**  
UNO supporter

### Hey Sparky,

What do you think about UNO getting a hockey team? Let me ask you this first: Have you been to the UNO Fieldhouse lately? I think it needs a little touching up. Come on, tartan floor? I'm sure the basketball teams, and the volleyball team, would love to see a wood floor before a hockey team.

## Sideline

### Volleyball

The UNO Lady Mavs Volleyball team, ranked No. 13 in the latest *USA Today* Division II Top 15 poll, dropped a three-game match Tuesday against No. 5-ranked Northern Colorado, 15-6, 15-11 and 15-6.

UNO senior Denise Otten led the Lady Mavs with 17 kills and 12 digs. Despite the loss, sophomores Erin Shafer and Tanya Cate produced big numbers in the match. Shafer added 6 kills and 16 digs with Cate nailing 8 kills and 10 digs.

The Lady Mavs dropped to 6-5 on the season and hit the road this weekend for a doubleheader in Minnesota. On Friday, the Lady Mavs take on No. 10-ranked St. Cloud State and face unranked Mankato State Saturday.

### Football:

UNO Mavericks Head Coach Pat Behrns received both good news and bad news Tuesday. After suffering an elbow injury against the University of Nebraska at Kearney, sophomore fullback Scott Sabota will return to the starting lineup for Saturday night's 7 p.m. home game against North Dakota State.

Sabota, who missed last week's 49-10 loss at Mankato State, returned to practice on Wednesday.

More good news arrived for Behrns with the negative MRI test on sophomore quarterback Troy Kloewer. Kloewer, who hurt his knee on a broken play last Saturday in Mankato, will start Saturday night

against the Bison.

There was bad news, too, however. Junior wide receiver MarTay Jenkins, who broke his arm in July, got the OK to practice Monday, then broke his arm again before getting back on the field. Jenkins will miss the entire 1995 season.

**Tom Boyer** has been elected the president of the Maverick Beef Club for the remainder of 1995. Boyer succeeds Bob Danenhauer, who resigned when he became UNO assistant athletic director.

The Beef Club is the chief fund-raising group for the Maverick football program and has raised more than \$30,000 in less than two years.

### Athletic Administration

**UNO Assistant Athletics Director Connie Claussen** has been named one of seven district administrators of the year by the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA).

Claussen, who has served as a coach, teacher and administrator during her career at UNO, was the first woman inducted into the school's athletic hall of fame.

**Don Leahy**, UNO athletic director, will be inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame next month.

Leahy, who guided Omaha Creighton Prep football to eight state championships in 17 seasons as head coach, will be inducted during ceremonies Sunday, Oct. 8.

\* All UNO students and faculty can reach Sparky the Sports Guru on s-cwls at: Sparky@Gateway-news.unomaha.edu

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## •From Walker, page 1.

The LAPD's problem, Walker said, lies in its disciplinary rules and the lack of its enforcement, that send a signal to L.A. police officers that they can bend or break rules without serious discipline.

He said that the mere fact that an officer such as Mark Fuhrman can serve long enough to retire says volumes about the problems in the LAPD.

The Omaha Police Department has a fairly good relationship with its community, Walker said, but "every city has some problems, there is a race problem in this country."

Walker said that some cities have taken innovative measures to improve their police and community relations. Several cities have set up counseling for officers who have received racial complaints.

In San Jose, Calif., any officer receiving three complaints must undergo sensitivity training.

"Omaha has a policy of focusing on officers with a large number of complaints," Walker said.

Police Officer Rick Rediger of the Omaha Police Department said Omaha has sensitivity training built into its basic training for police recruits. Although Omaha has no policy of mandated discipline, Rediger said any officer found guilty of flagrant racial bias would be fired. He also said that Police Chief Skinner has broad disciplinary powers over any officers who have problems with the



Sam Walker

community.

Omaha, which is 13.1 percent African-American and 3.1 percent Hispanic, had a police department that was 11.5 percent African-American and 3.0 percent Hispanic in 1992.

From 1983 to 1992, Omaha has increased its percentage of both African-Americans and Hispanics on its police force.

Walker said the reason many cities began changing the racial make-up of their police departments was that they were being sued by minority groups who felt they were not receiving equal representation. Omaha was sued in 1980 for unfair hiring practices.

Though many cities have taken the first step in race relations by hiring more African-Americans and Hispanics, Walker said that not one police force cited in his study has an optimal mix of men and women (50-50).

Only two cities, Detroit and Pittsburgh, have more than 20 percent female officers. It is in this area, Walker said, that the nation's police departments have the most room for improvement.

## •From Enrollment, page 1.

fence as to whether to attend school or go to work, the wages and availability of employment makes an integral part of their decision.

"Even though total enrollment is down within the university, the enrollment of first-time freshmen is up slightly," Cartier said. "With record graduating classes in the past two years, it takes time to replenish the enrollment in the undergraduate divisions. The graduate program is up slightly over the past year. These two factors show that UNO re-

mains an attractive possibility for students to consider when entering their higher education."

Another factor to consider, Cartier said, is that national research shows the cost of attending universities is up slightly, this makes cost a bigger factor than in past years. Even though tuition cost has raised only slightly, some prospective students might make the decision that cost is more than they can afford and join the workforce, Cartier said.

"As an example we can examine the College of Fine Arts, which has implemented an effective recruiting and advertising program to introduce themselves to the community. In this competitive market, UNO may have to consider expanding those programs throughout the entire university system," he said.

## •From Engineering, page 1.

If LR 256 is passed, noticeable changes would happen at UNO.

A dean would be implemented at UNO instead of just having one at UNL. In addition to a new dean, a new building would be built

for the restored engineering college, which had merged with Lincoln's college in 1970.

The new plan would also take care of non-traditional degrees and focus on a dedication to the curriculum.

Funding from the state for UNO's engineering program is 20 percent, while UNL gets 80 percent of that money.

A speaker for the proposed resolution said, "The two schools (UNO and UNL) must stop facing off and start working together."

The speaker also said the government structure would need to be changed in order for the engineering program at UNO to succeed.

"The underfunding and inequality has put our engineering department in disarray," Peterson said.

Saying that many students do want to stay in Omaha, but leave to go out of state due to the instability of NU's engineering department, was another approach discussed over the proposal.

"Instead of putting the cart in front of the horse, let's put the horse in front of the cart," Daub said. "We need to move faster."



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